## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Managing a web service provided by a plurality of servers coupled to a data communication

network.  Two versions of the web service are executed on the plurality of servers and a selected

version of the web service is identified for execution based on a request from a user for access

the web service.  While access to the web service is permitted via at least one server, the web

service is updated on at least one other server.  One or more servers providing the web service

may specify a default version of the web service as the selected version if the request from the

user does not specify a version of the web service for access.